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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago prices were slightly lower on mediums. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was mixed, steady to instances weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Trade sentiment was cautious. Demand ranged fair to fairly good at times, mostly moderate, with best interest centering around scattered promotional activity. Supplies of extra large and large eggs were at least adequate to available, and the lighter weights were more than adequate to occasionally ample. On the West Coast, however, offerings of all sizes were in fair balance. Breaking stock supplies were mostly adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was unaggressive with discounting noted on lower quality product. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for processors' needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged in all locations. Trade sentiment was cautious and ranged from steady to barely steady. Demand was fair to good and decreased in some areas due to the effects of Hurricane Floyd. Supplies were adequate to ample for the smaller eggs and available for the larger eggs. Breaking stock offerings from regular suppliers were sufficient for the slightly improved demand. Spent hen availability was fully adequate to ample for slaughter requirements.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mixed and ranged steady to barely steady. Demand was reported as fair to good. Supplies were available for the heavier weight eggs and adequate to ample for the lighter weight eggs.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota Wisconsin decreased 4 cents for medium, 1 cent for small and were unchanged for large from Tuesday's prices. Chicago prices also decreased 4 cents for medium and were unchanged for the balance from Tuesday. All other prices were unchanged from Tuesday's reported prices. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to instances weak. Retail and food service movement was mostly fair, best into retail features. Supplies were at least available for the larger sizes and ample for the balance. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged from Tuesday's reported prices. Trading and demand were mostly light with the offerings of heavy weight product becoming more available. Trade sentiment about steady.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large unchanged, mediums 1 cent lower. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand moderate, and best where limited features are a factor. Supplies adequate for trade needs, however availability of lighter weight eggs increasing.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally no better than steady. Retail demand continued fair to moderate entering the weekend, and increased promotional activity was often planned throughout next week. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to available, however, the larger sizes were often in a slightly better position. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional eggs, although improved, remained unaggressive. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for immediate needs.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was mainly steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large throughout the region, with mediums unchanged in the Northwest and 4 cents lower in California. Retailer demand fairly good overall, best to cover features. Offerings in fair balance.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	101-103	91-93	56-58
New York	66-68	63-66	43-46
Philadelphia	64-66	62-64	42-45

SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	52-53	50.5-52	37-38
Jackson (1)	64-65	59-60	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	61-72	56-70	43-57

MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	52-57	51-56	35-40
Detroit (2)	49-52	48-51	35-38
Major Ohio Cities (2)	50-55	49-53	36-41
Major Wisconsin Cities	53-61	51-58	39-46

WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	69-70	64-65	50-51
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	71-83	69-76	58-64
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	87	79	68

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices
(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, extra large and large, and 4 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings in fair balance. Small invoice price 48. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 99, extra large dozen 67-89, 20 pack 198, 2 for \$3, large dozen 69-99. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	110
EXTRA LARGE	87
LARGE	79
MEDIUM	68

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	97-107
EXTRA LARGE	71-83
LARGE	69-76
MEDIUM	58-64

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	179-209
MEDIUM	159-205

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Price unchanged. Trading and demand was mostly light to moderate with offerings of heavy weight product sufficient for current needs. Discounting noted on lighter weight product. Finished product demand good to very good on liquid products with liquid yolk sometimes short of current needs. Trade sentiment about steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED,
30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT,
DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	31-34	31-33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-19	17

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION EGGS Mostly price was unchanged. Trade sentiment was irregular and usually no better than steady. Supplies were reported as mostly sufficient from regular suppliers. Demand was slightly improved but still unaggressive for the adequate offerings. Finished product movement was generally fair.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED,
30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT,
DELIVERED TO BREAKERS,
CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	30-35	33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-20	

EASTERN REGION AREA:
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 11-Sep-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

INED.	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK	
CW	1,095,390	25,980	9,768	5,500	2,359
3,478					
PW	1,140,020	26,636	10,655	5,776	2,525
3,666					
LY	1,020,478	23,652	9,492	5,014	2,212
3,144					
% PW	-4	-2	-8	-5	-7
-5					
% LY	7	10	3	10	7
11					
1999	39,551,864	917,470	378,975	206,702	93,295
124,883					
1998	37,919,007	858,712	380,866	202,736	94,239

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS Pasteurized whites reported at 34 to 34.5 cents FOB. Pasteurized salt yolk noted at 49 to 51 cents FOB.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB, 11:00 A.M. Friday
17 September 1999 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR	CLASS
LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG. LAST WEEK		
WHOLE	13	30-36	34.46	.34
WHITES	11	31-33	32.09	-.60
7	45-48.5	47.00	.17	YOLKS

EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS Sugared yolks mostly price ranged from unchanged to slightly lower, balance of mostly prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was slightly improved and reported as fair but not aggressive. Offerings were irregular but adequate. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending September 11, 1999 were 9 % less than last week, and 10 % less the same week last year. Shell egg supplies were fully adequate to ample from regular suppliers.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	45-48	46-47
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR	51-70
WHITES	40-45	41-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-60	57-58
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-58	53-54

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32%

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS Prices were generally unchanged.

Trade sentiment was steady for all products. Offerings were generally adequate for current needs. Trading and demand was fair with most business centering around immediate requirements. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for heavy nest runs with offerings of lighter weight product beginning to pressure prices.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	45-48	46-47
WHITES	40-43	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-60	57-58
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-55	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS Prices unchanged.

Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 9/11 was 14% less than the previous week. Breaking stock ample. Frozen demand moderate for the adequate freezer stocks.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT
(CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	51-54
WHITES	45-48
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-63
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on albumen, balance of mostly prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand improved and was fair for irregular but usually sufficient offerings. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending September 11, 1999 were 7 % less than last week, and 7 % more than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS

	1.60-1.75	MOSTLY 1.60-1.65
YOLKS		MOSTLY 1.40-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.15-3.45	MOSTLY 3.25-3.35
		MOSTLY 1.30-1.35

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY (5-DAY) WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/10/99-09/16/99

CURRENT LOADS			93.25		FUTURE LOADS			32.50		TOTAL LOADS			125.75		
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	40.00	37.00	40.33	41.70	38.25	—	36.00	GNR W 1	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	5.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	32.00	—	1.00	GNR W 2	—	35.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	29.00	5.00	GNR BR 1	—	81.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	75.00	71.30	72.00	—	—	6.00	GL W XL	40.00	—	—	—	—	46.89	4.75
GL W XL	—	39.00	47.33	47.00	41.77	—	21.75	GL W LG	35.88	40.00	—	—	—	41.19	7.50
GL W LG	—	41.67	45.00	47.00	32.29	—	8.50	GL W MD	23.50	—	—	—	—	27.50	2.00
GL W MD	—	—	22.50	24.50	32.25	—	7.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	20.50	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	16.50	17.83	14.00	17.50	16.50	—	5.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	32.00	33.80	—	—	31.63	33.00	15.75	NRBS - 39	21.75	23.50	—	—	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	24.25	26.00	1.00								
NRBS - 42	22.60	24.00	—	—	—	—	2.50								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	14.75	16.56	4.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	12.00	15.00	3.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices continued unchanged. Demand was light for the fully adequate to ample offerings of spent fowl. Many producers were using alternative sources for the disposal of spent hens. Processor schedules generally full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light. Offerings were fully adequate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were irregular to normal as weather conditions had slowed processing. Undertone was steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules fairly heavy. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	TFEWR (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-5 (2)	

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA - WEEK ENDING 17-Sep-99
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	66.51	64.13	45.16
SOUTHERN	59.30	56.82	43.45
MIDWEST	53.30	52.00	38.93
WESTERN	79.58	73.79	62.17
TWELVE METRO AREAS	67.49	64.11	49.78
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged on light canners, and slightly lower to unchanged on heavies. Demand was moderate. Offerings were clearing but supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Undertone was mostly steady on light's and about steady to steady on heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-27 MAJORITY 25-25.5	32.5-35 MAJORITY 32.5-34
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25.5-29 MAJORITY 25.5-27	32.75-36.5 MAJORITY 36-36.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 11-SEP-99

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
HEAD	1,583	1,368	2,951
LAST WEEK	1,883	1,522	3,405
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,776	1,055	2,831
TO-DATE/1999	76,108	49,635	125,743
TO-DATE/1998	75,208	45,341	120,549

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	300	0	300
LAST WEEK	452	0	452
SAME WEEK YR AGO	414	0	414
TO-DATE/1999	17,073	181	17,254
TO-DATE/1998	19,524	266	19,790

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,883	1,368	3,251
LAST WEEK	2,335	1,522	3,857
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,190	1,055	3,245
TO-DATE/1999	93,181	49,816	142,997
TO-DATE/1998	94,732	45,607	140,339

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending September 04, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	357	341	9,571	9,989
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	40	81	424	496
Total	397	422	10,001	10,535

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Week Ending September 04, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	60	59	3,370	2,805
Frozen	3	6	254	158
Dried	0	0	166	235
Total	63	65	3,790	3,198

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending September 04, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	77	83	910	1,041
Extra Large	2,120	880	26,569	25,447
Large	4,877	2,482	92,327	75,429
Medium	1,628	1,950	35,480	41,176
Ungraded	21,783	14,584	417,083	190,747
Misc	0	0	5,358	6,133
Total	30,485	19,979	577,727	339,973

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE.

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
57-60	48-54	46-51	33-38	16-20

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
32-34	18-20	9-11

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
127-130	82-85	72-75	37-40	8-11

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS- SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 13-Sep-99	3,128	189,660	96,500
AM 1-Sep-99	3,039	192,814	95,979
CHG	89	-3154	521
PCT CHG	3	-2	1

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 11-Sep-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW LY
ATLANTA	19.4	31.8	-39 -36
BOSTON	5.6	5.7	-2 -56
CHICAGO	54.8	52.4	5 11
DETROIT	29.0	37.9	-23 0
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0 0
LOS ANGELES	95.6	92.5	3 17
NEW ORLEANS	11.9	12.5	-5 -20
NEW YORK	36.4	42.9	-15 -9
ST. LOUIS	14.0	12.4	13 67
SAN FRANCISCO	21.8	17.7	23 -4
TOTAL	288.6	305.9	-6 0
4 WK MVG AVG	294.3		

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 11-Sep-99 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	232.9	-2	2
E.N. CENTRAL	437.6	-2	0
W.N. CENTRAL	239.8	5	12
S. ATLANTIC	193.6	-4	-1
S. CENTRAL	78.6	0	15
WEST	225.2	4	1
TOTAL	1407.7	0	3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING	94	94	

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG SEPTEMBER 14, 1999.

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	115	105	70	41
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	108-112	98-102	63-67	34-38
MOSTLY	110-111	100-101	65-66	36-37
RHODE ISLAND	111-115	101-105	66-70	37-41
MOSTLY	111	101	66	37
VERMONT	115-118	105-108	69-73	-
MOSTLY	118	108	73	-

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PASTEURIZED WHOLE EGGS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) on September 9, purchased 1,521,000 pounds of pasteurized whole eggs—to be produced from about 38,000 cases of shell eggs—at a cost of approximately \$714,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds Accepted	Award Prices Inv. No. 019	No. of Bids
5-pound cartons	1,121,000	\$0.4703 - \$0.5192	4 of 4
bulk tankers	400,000	\$0.3890 - \$0.4090	1 of 2

Total purchases of pasteurized whole eggs since the program was announced June 1997 follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
5-pound cartons	22,531,000	\$12,408,000
30-pound containers	752,000	\$407,000
bulk tankers	4,800,000	\$2,080,000

Next offers under Announcement PY-209 are due by 1 p.m., Washington, D.C. time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product	Offer Date	Acceptance Not Later Than Date	Delivery Period
020	5-pound cartons bulk tankers	Sept. 20	Sept. 24	Nov. 1-15